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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) AND PUERTO RICO: CONCLUSION OF
CONSIDERATION

REFS: A - CUTTER/KRIENDLER TELCON;

B - USUN 3568

1. ON SEPT 7, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A, USUN COMMUNICATED US
AGREEMENT TO THE STATEMENT WHICH FOLLOWS TO NORWEGIAN DEPUTY
PERM REP VRAALSEN, VRAALSEN OBTAINED AGREEMENT TO THE TEXT
AND AN EXPLICIT AGREEMENT THAT CUBA WOULD NOT
REPEAT NOT RAISE THE QUESTION OF PUERTO RICO FORMALLY AT
THE 31ST UNGA FROM CUBAN PERM REP ALARCON.

2. AT ITS AFTERNOON SESSION ON SEPT 7 C-24 CHAIRMAN SALIM
READ THE STATEMENT. THE ONLY COMMENT WAS BY CHINESE MISSION
OFFICER WU MAI-FA WHO SAID THAT CHINA OPPOSED "POSTPONEMENT,"
THAT CHINA WOULD HAVE PREFERRED CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO (SIC)
AND ASKED THAT THE CHINESE RESERVATIONS BE NOTED IN THE
RECORD. THE CONCLUDED C-24 CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO AT
ITS 1976 SESSION.

3. TEXT OF CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

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AFTER CONSULTATIONS WHICH I HAVE HELD WITH MEMBERS OF
THE COMMITTEE THERE IS BROAD AGREEMENT AMONGST THE MEMBERS
AS TO THE COURSE OF ACTION THE COMMITTEE SHOULD FOLLOW IN
CONCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF THIS QUESTION AT THIS SESSION.
ON THE BASIS OF THOSE CONSULTATIONS, I AM IN A POSITION TO
MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED TO CONCLUDE THE WORK OF THE
COMMITTEE FOR THIS YEAR, SO AS TO ENABLE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
TO RECEIVE OUR REPORT AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY, AS WELL AS THE
NEED TO GIVE CAREFUL ATTENTION TO ALL MATTERS UNDER CONSIDERATION
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BY THE COMMITTEE, BEARING IN MIND ITS RESOLUTION OF 28 AUGUST
1972 AND 30 AUGUST 1973 CONCERNING PUERTO RICO, REAFFIRMING THE
INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO, TO SELF-DETERMINATION
AND INDEPENDENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION
1514 (XV) OF 14 DECEMBER 1960 AND OTHER RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS AND
BY VIRTUE OF THAT THE RIGHT TO FREELY DETERMINE ITS POLITICAL
STATUS AND FREELY PURSUE ITS ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT, NOTING THE DECISION ON PUERTO RICO APPROVED BY THE

NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AT THEIR CONFERENCES IN LIMA IN 1975 AND
COLOMBO IN 1976 AND BEARING IN MIND THE REPORT PREPARED BY THE
RAPPORTEUR IN 1974, THE STATEMENTS MADE DURING THE DEBATE
ON THIS ITEM AND CONSULTATIONS WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE, I PROPOSE THAT THE COMMITTEE DECIDE TO CHARGE
THE RAPPORTEUR WITH UPDATING THE 1974 REPORT AND TO RESUME
DISCUSSION OF THE QUESTION AT ITS NEXT SESSION TO CONSIDER
APPROPRIATE MEASURES AS A FOLLOW-UP OF THE COMMITTEE'S
PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS AND THE QUESTION ON PUERTO RICO. IF
THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, IT (IS) WILL BE DECIDED. UNQUOTE

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